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13. (amended) A self engaging orthodontic bracket according to claim <sup>10</sup>~~2~~, wherein the retaining means is a dome shape notch formed in a gingival [an occlusal] wall of said gingival tie wings.

14. (amended) A self-engaging orthodontic bracket according to claim <sup>13</sup>~~5~~, wherein said notch accomodates a [the] labial portion [portions] of the arm members when the shutter is in the closed position.

B<sup>2</sup>  
15. (amended) A self-engaging orthodontic bracket according to claim <sup>6</sup>~~4~~, wherein the guide bar is formed of resilient stainless steel, or an alloy of nickel or titanium [or other flexible material].

B<sup>3</sup>  
16. (amended) A self-engaging orthodontic bracket according to claim 1 wherein said vertical grooves in the occlusal tie wings contacts a labial portion of the arm members to prevent labial distortion of the arm members when in said closed position.

17. (amended) A self-engaging orthodontic bracket according to claim <sup>16</sup>~~2~~ wherein said vertical grooves in the gingival tie wings contacts a labial portion of the arm members to prevent labial distortion of the arm members when in said closed position.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6, 10, and 13-14 have been amended to

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